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SUBJ: VISIT OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE ROBERT W. LONG

REF: STATE 82311

1. IN RESPONSE TO REQUEST REFTTEL, MISSION OBTAINED FOLLOWING INFO RE INSTITUTE FOR APPLICATIONS OF NUCLEAR ENERGY IN AGRICULTURE, VETERINARY MEDICINE AND FORESTRY IN ZEMUN, YUGOSLAVIA, FROM ROBERT OLSON (U.S.), ACTING DIRECTOR OF JOINT FAO/IAEA DIVISION OF ATOMIC ENERGY IN FOOD AND AGRICULTURE. FYI. ROBER CATLIN, WHO SEND REGARDS TO ASSISTANT SECRETARY LONG, IS IN IAEA'S DIVISION OF NUCLEAR SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION. END FYI.

2. INSTITUTE WAS DEVELOPED UNDER UNDP PROJECT CARRIED OUT BY IAEA, INITIAL PLANNING FOR WHICH WAS UNDERTAKEN IN 1962. INSTITUTE WAS FORMALLY ACTIVATED IN 1963.

3. SUBSEQUENT TO ACTIVATION, SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER UNCLASSIFIED

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OF EXPERTS FROM U.S. AND SEVERAL EUROPEAN COUNTRIES

WERE ASSIGNED POSTS FOR VARYING PERIODS TO ASSIST IN DEVELOPMENT OF PROGRAMS IN MOST AGRICULTURAL DISCIPLINES. OLSON'S IMPRESSION DURING THOSE EARLY DAYS WAS THAT VERY LIVELY INSTITUTE HAD BEEN BORN AND THAT YUGOSLAV GOVERNMENT WAS GIVING SOLID SUPPORT FOR IT. (OLSON, WHO WAS IAEA STAFF MEMBER AT THAT TIME, WAS DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN THIS PROJECT).

4. RECENT VISITS BY SOME JOINT FAO/IAEA DIVISION STAFF MEMBERS GIVE EVIDENCE OF CONTINUING ACTIVE PROGRAM AT INSTITUTE. GOOD COLLABORATION APPEARS TO EXIST WITH FACULTY OF AGRICULTURE OF BELGRADE UNIVERSITY. MUCHA OF EQUIPMENT PROVIDED IN EARLY 60'S IS STILL OPERATIVE AND IN DAILY USE. IN OLSON'S WORDS, "THE PLACE IS NOT A MUSEUM." IMPRESSION IS GIVEN, HOWEVER, THAT INSTITUTE STAFF MEMBERS ARE HIGHLY DEPENDENT ON EXTERNAL SUPPORT FOR CARRYING OUT THEIR WORK. IAEA CONTINUES GIVING MODEST SUPPORT THROUGH AT LEAST 5 RESEARCH CONTRACTS IN PLANT BREEDING, GRAIN PROTEIN IMPROVEMENT, USE OF NPN IN RUMINANT NUTRITION, CHEMICAL RESIDUES IN FOOD PRODUCTS, AND SOIL NITROGEN.

5. SOME PERSONNEL OF INSTITUTE ARE:

DR. DUMANOVIC, DIRECTOR OF INSTITUTE, PLANT BREEDER
DR. STEVA SIMIC, CHIEF OF DEPT. FOR PLANT PHYSIOLOGY AND SOIL CHEMISTRY
DR. RADOSLAV FILIPOVIC, SOIL CHEMISTRY/PHYSICS
DR. MIODRAG JAKOVKEVIC, SOIL CHEMISTRY
DR. MILORAD PETROVIC, SOIL FERTILITY/FERTILIZER USE
DR. DRAGICA MILIVOJEVIC, PHYSIOLOGY (ELECTRON MICROSCOPE)
PROF. JELENIC DURAE, CYTOLOGY
DR. MARIJANA PLESNICAR, CHEMICAL RESIDUES
DR. DENIC, BIOCHEMISTRY
DR. K. CUPERLOVIC, ANIMAL PARASITOLOGY/IMMUNOLOGY
DR. J. NIKOLIC, ANIMAL NUTRITION

6. OLSON APOLOGIZES FOR LACK OF MORE SPECIFIC INFO ON SHORT NOTICE, INDICATING THAT MOST OF PERTINENT FILES HAVE BEEN RETIRED TO ARCHIVES.
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